

The Intelligencer.

Protestantism in Spain.

A London dispatch this morning informs us that the Protestant Church at Toledo, in Spain, has been closed by the authorities and the pastor and schoolmaster expelled. Toledo is the famous place where so many Jews were once massacred on account of their religion. We are not surprised that the lately initiated experiment of the Liberal government of Spain of allowing Protestants to have a share in their faith should come to grief in Toledo. The fame of that place is too closely linked with the Spanish inquisition to be put under such early in the political regeneration that priestly riddling country.

Not a short time ago we were informed that permission had been granted in Madrid to hold Protestant worship in places, in a sort of underground way, behind religious rites were attempted out of doors, such as parades, &c. We supposed that Spanish superstition and bigotry could probably endure that amount of heresy among them, especially as the Protestant countries of the world had been so forbearing towards Spain in her wretched troubles, but her people are too deep dyed in ignorance to entertain even elementary notions of rights of conscience. They are taught that there is but one true religion and that they have it in all its purity, and that heresy is a sin of such magnitude that toleration of it is a species of complicity with it. This has been the essence of Catholicism in Spain for centuries.

It is not impossible that the present civil war in Spain will continue until that country is scourged into the light and liberty of civilization. War is the most radical and thoroughgoing educator of all the agencies of human progress. The United States is a conspicuous example of what war will do to root out prejudices apparently ineradicable, and infuse and inculcate ideas that only a few years previous were supposed impossible of adoption. Spain has made visible progress since the coup d'etat that overthrew the government of her "Most Catholic Majesty," Queen Isabella, a few years ago. The temporary existence of the Republic, led by as it was held upon the popular, accomplished more than any of us can tell at this distance for political freedom. Because Spain has gone back to Bourbonism, in the person of Isabella's son, is no evidence that she will not be long to make another experiment of free government with greater success. It must be remembered that the whole weight of the Spanish hierarchy, backed by Rome as witness the recent high-handed annihilation of the Nuncio against freedom, and no American can possibly have an idea of what an influence that is in Spain. But the war is doing its work in lessening this influence every day that it continues, and hence those who long to see the day when all men will be permitted to worship God as they please in Spain, can afford to feel quite reconciled to the severe ordeal which that unhappy country is undergoing.

The cable dispatches announced a few days ago that the demands of the German Minister of War for the coming year are in excess of those of previous years by 10,000,000 marks, or \$2,500,000, and in this estimate are not included other credits for the creation of batteries of reserve, the increase of the artillery of the fleet, and the formation of another railway battalion, which, added to those now in existence, will make a complete regiment, whose occupation it is to construct railways in time of peace and keep them in repair in time of war. What the Germans have to show for their immense military expenses is thus stated by the Geneva Times:

Since the war of 1870-71 the efficiency of the army of Germany may be fairly said to have been doubled, if we take into account not alone the increase in its numbers, but the improvements in arms and organization. The modern army has increased through the natural increment of the population and the annexation of Alsace and Lorraine; and the landwehr has been almost reorganized; the landwehr has been reorganized. The old *Zentralwehr* has been replaced by the *Landwehr* of modern warfare. The army has been furnished with new guns of heavier calibre and improved construction. The railway system of the country has been considerably extended, and extended in such a way as to subvert strategic objects. Military tactics have been changed and developed to meet the exigencies of modern warfare. The fleet has been increased until it has become almost formidable; and the generals of the army and the chiefs of the navy have been incessant in their efforts to utilize the experience derived from the war for the benefit of the future leaders of the land and sea forces of the Empire.

All the comments we have heard made thus far on the Washington Hall fire there has been but one expression of opinion in regard to the lamentable inefficient manner in which it was managed. There is a universal feeling that Council should institute a searching inquiry into the cause of this inefficiency, and apply a remedy that will meet the case in the future. If we are to have expensive engines kept up merely for parade purposes, that are of no service in time of peril, the people should know it in order that they may prepare themselves accordingly. Could they have anticipated the miserable performance of the engines on Tuesday they would have rallied to the rescue with private appliances and put out the fire. Perhaps it would be well, until we can have some well grounded assurance that the engines are to be dependent on, to discard altogether any reliance on them, and prepare for self protection as best we can.

The Record of Daily Life.

After all it is not in the dispatches of a newspaper, nor in its selections, nor in its local columns, nor in its editorials, that the really interesting and enduring features of the "age and body of the times" in which it is published are to be looked for. When we take up an old copy of a Wheeling newspaper, published here fifty or sixty years ago, we find infinitely more in its advertising columns to indicate to us what manner the people were of, than in all else contained in the sheet. The real state of society comes out in the advertising columns of the public press. And this is much more strikingly true as respects the newspapers of to-day than of those published in earlier days. People did not "rush into print" in former times with their announcements on every conceivable subject as they do now-days. The advertising columns of a leading newspaper published in one of the great cities of the country, is a curious study in this our day, and we often think that there is no more interesting reading matter in the New York Herald, Chicago Tribune and Cincinnati Commercial than can be found in the fine print that under various heads tells something of each and every class of society of which a great city is made up.

When we take up such a paper as the Boston Herald, look over its "wants" and "sales," and see that houses in Dover street containing sixteen rooms, can be had for \$35 per month, we are persuaded, editorially to the contrary notwithstanding, that business is not brisk in the metropolis of New England, and that renters are either leaving the city all together or else coming down to hard pan in their ideas of living by basking themselves to cheap houses. We notice also that brick houses on Parker street, "with all modern improvements," are to be had at \$350 per year, and that well furnished rooms can be had on Tremont street at \$1.50 per week. These prices do not indicate much inflation in Boston, and would be considered low enough even here in Wheeling. A tavern on Baxter street offers beds for 25 cents a night, and a room at 50 cents, and numbers of houses offer lodgings in "nice rooms" at 35 cents. A lady on Eliot street is anxious to board girls at \$3 per week.

In New York the columns of the papers run over with boarding house notices. It seems as if a vast multitude of people want to keep boarders. A number of the hotels offer single rooms at from \$1.50 per week upward.

In business and money, we notice a good deal of money advertised in Boston at 6, 6 1/2, and 7 per cent, and good first mortgages for amounts as large as \$20,000, only bring 6 per cent. The variety of businesses for sale is great. A "club-room, with 30 members, with pool table and all fixtures, on a good street," can be had, and no end of billiard halls, cigar and confectionery stands. The changes in the ownership of houses is great, the horse auctions of Boston having been crowded with stock for sale for many months. Horse board for the winter is offered at \$1 per week in the city, and \$2.50 for hay at South Framingham and \$3 for grain. One individual attempts to make a grand shift of luxuries by offering "to exchange furniture, bedding, liquor, cigars, tea, coffee, harnesses, sleigh and buggy, for a nice top or open panicle-box pump, or a good horse," and another wants to exchange "building land near Boston for horses."

In New York, the Herald publishes a column of "Business Opportunities," by which we learn that an astounding amount of money can be made in an incredibly short time by most anybody who can raise a few hundred dollars to begin with. In one case we are informed that "any reliable man with \$300 can secure a permanent legitimate business that will yield 200 per cent profit every sixty days." In another case, "a young lady with \$500 can have good security for her money and steady employment at \$10 per week in one of the finest and most respectable businesses in the city." A hall interest is offered in a manufacturing business "that will soon pay \$50 a day profit." "Positive proof" will be furnished of this if desired. Here is a chance for some of our wool-growers to make an investment:

WOLFE SHEEP FARMING.—A PARTY controlling good water and extensive pastures in the southern part of Colorado is desirous of procuring to settle the agency of a large number of persons willing to embark a moderate capital in this lucrative business. New York and California. Address A. C. Wolfe, Post office New York.

There are some advertisements that we presume will particularly interest the lady readers of the Intelligencer:

A SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN HAVING A handsome winter residence South, with a beautiful view of the ocean, and a large acreage of land with equal views, from 20 to 45, domestic help, and one who would appreciate the kindness and affection of a husband; the best of references given. Please address, in confidence, where an interview can be had, WIDOWED, Herald office.

As there are very few unmarried ladies who ever attain the age prescribed above (35 to 45), we presume that the answers to "a widower" will be few. Still fewer will be the answers to the following very mercenary announcement:

ANY YOUNG OR ELDERLY LADY of wealth who desires marriage with an American gentleman, will receive prompt reply by addressing M. A. T., Box 117, Herald office.

Nearly all the matrimonial advertisements in the issue of the Herald before us savor largely of "filthy lucre." Here is another specimen:

A RETIRED ARMY OFFICER OF MEANS and a brilliant record, tired of the world and whole, just from the country, at residence required.

The Chicago Tribune is filled every Sunday with a great mass of advertisements embracing all the relations of social

By Telegraph.

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER.

Death of Dr. George A. Fitch of Morgantown.—WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 1, 1875. Special to the Intelligencer.

Dr. George A. Fitch, of Morgantown, West Va., died of phthisis pulmonalis, in this city at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, November 30th. His remains will be escorted to his home at Morgantown by a deputation of the Masonic fraternity here. They will arrive at Fairmont en route, on Friday morning's train, Dec. 3, and from there proceed to Morgantown by private conveyances.

Closing Funeral Rites over the Vice President.—NATICK, Mass., December 1.—To-day the closing funeral rites over the remains of Vice President Wilson took place, and notwithstanding the cold weather there was a large attendance.

At 4 o'clock yesterday the coffin was carried from the Public Hall, where the body had been exposed to the view of his fellow townsmen, who came in great numbers. At 12 o'clock the exercises began by the choir of Mr. Wilson's church singing a hymn, followed by reading the Scriptures and prayer, and an address by Rev. Mr. Natick. At the conclusion of the private services at the house, preparatory to the funeral, the remains were removed to the town hall, where the public and final ceremonies were to take place. There were soon accomplished, and by the appointed hour the casket had been placed in the catafalque, and the mourners assigned to seats reserved especially for them. A special train from Boston, bearing the Governor and a portion of his staff, and several of the members of the Executive Council, Committee of the Boston city government, Hon. Marshall Wilder, Congressman Henry Pierce, and the officers of the 3rd Maryland Regiment and of the Independent Corps of Artillery, the Boston Fusiliers, who volunteered as an escort for the day. A procession was formed and the distinguished guests were escorted to the hall, the great crowd filling every available position from which to view its progress through the streets. The mourners were assigned to seats at the right of the platform, and the body was seated in the front rows in the body of the hall; the pall-bearers, who were town people, to the left, the Grand Army post standing to the extreme left, and the citizens thronging the remaining area and packing the galleries. About 2,000 people, while the seating capacity of the hall was 1,200. Rev. Francis M. Peloubet, Mr. Wilson's pastor, opened the services by reading the hymn, "God is our strength," beginning with the words "Man in his weakness needs a stronger stay than his fellow men, the holiest and the best," which was sung by the Alpine Quartette of Boston. Following this was an invocation by Rev. E. A. Reynolds and scripture reading by Rev. J. S. Wheeldon, to which response "Abide with me" was sung by the Quartette. An address was delivered by Rev. Edmund Douce, of Sherburne, who mainly touched upon the intimate personal friendship which existed between Mr. Wilson and the deceased and the great qualities of the latter as displayed in the midst of the people who had known and were intimate with him from youth. The Quartette then chanted a poem written for the occasion. An address by Rev. M. Peloubet, containing a personal reminiscence of Mr. Wilson, the hymn "Scatter, my God to Thee," which was an especial favorite of Mr. Wilson, and in the singing of which the entire audience joined, was given with great effect.

The benediction by Mr. Peloubet closed the last rites over the remains of the Vice President.

The procession then formed in line of march, embracing nearly every street in town.

It was not until 4 o'clock that the hearse bearing the remains reached the grave in Dell Park Cemetery. The casket was borne by the hearse and conveyed to the side of the lot, where it was received by The Grand Army Post, formed a square about the lot, while the military escort was drawn up in line in the driveway. The mourners and invited guests having assembled in a body, the land, meanwhile playing a solemn dirge, the casket was gently lowered to its final resting place.

Mr. Peloubet pronounced the benediction, the relatives and friends took a last look and dropped a few flowers upon the casket lid, and the last rites attending the demise of Henry Wilson, Vice President of the United States, were at an end.

Orders From General Crook.—OMAHA, December 1.—Some days ago while General Crook was drawing a herd of cattle into the Red Cloud Agency to raise relations to the Indians, he was shot at by an Indian and narrowly escaped being killed. The Interior Department has issued instructions to the agent of the agency to compel the surrender of the murderer, and stating that the law should be enforced, otherwise, to stop the pursuit of the murderer until he is delivered to the authorities.

Gen. George Crook to-day telegraphed to the commanding officer of that district to give the necessary protection to the agent in carrying out his instructions.

OFFICIAL RETURNS.

Of the election yesterday on the proposition to vote \$125,000 to the Xarrow Gauge Railroad show that it is defeated in the county by 250 votes. This city gave a majority of 45 for it.

State Dental Association.—The Convention of County Auditors.—COLUMBIA, Dec. 1.—The State Dental Society is holding its tenth annual meeting. The attendance is small, and the day was occupied in discussing subjects only interesting to the profession.

In answer to a call for a convention of County Auditors, to be held here to-day, only eighteen Auditors responded, and no business of importance was transacted.

J. M. Milliken has declined the appointment as State Treasurer, vice Welch deceased. The position was then tendered by Governor Allen to Hon. T. Wilcox, of Columbus, who also declined.

Business Failures.—NEW YORK, December 1.—The failure of John Thompson & Co., No. 441 Broadway, and 15 Mercer street, hair and fancy goods dealers, is announced.

Senator Logan's Condition.—CHICAGO, December 1.—Senator Logan is a little better this morning, but is still in a critical condition.

Extreme Cold.—MONTPELIER, Vt., December 1.—The mercury is 24° below zero.

Annual Report of the Postmaster General.

WASHINGTON, December 1.—The Postmaster General's annual report shows the receipts of the Department to have been \$27,441,360 and its expenses \$33,611,309. The receipts exceed those of 1874 by 1.13 per cent, and the expenditures 4.62 per cent. The amount drawn from the treasury was \$4,716,329, or \$4,366 less than the previous year. The recorded complaints of missing letters number 5,645, of which 2,577 were registered letters containing bonds, drafts, &c., amounting to \$76,216, while unregistered letters contained valuable contents amounting to \$75,997. Of the former 1,083 were satisfactorily accounted for, 911 actually lost, and 883 remain under investigation. The arrests for violations of the postal laws numbered 307, the most not being connected with the postal service; 107 convictions were had, and 157 await trial.

The Department is in correspondence with the British Department on the subject of an increase of the United States territorial rates on British closed mails transported by the New York, New York and San Francisco, the present rates fixed by the postal convention of 1862 not paying the actual cost of transportation.

The report shows the operations of the various bureaus of the Department, concerning which much information has already been published. The money order department, transactions of which have reached about \$80,000,000, shows an apparent profit of \$120,000, though really in arrears much more than that if clerk hire and stationary required for business were charged directly to its accounts. The increase of rates on small orders, made by the authority of last Congress will it is believed enable the Bureau hereafter to pay its own expenses. The fact that but one American steamship line carries mails across the Atlantic, and not to South America, is regarded humiliating to the American pride. Jewell thinks as a matter of national pride as an aid to the revival of American commerce, and as a means of supplying sufficient steam marine available for immediate use by the government in case of war. Provision should be made for transportation of our mails on important ocean routes in steamships, officered and manned by our own citizens, and sailing under our flag.

A moderate compensation in excess of postage now allowed would enable the establishment and maintenance of American lines to Europe and South America, and a moderate mail compensation for the line to Japan and China, will doubtless continue the mail service.

The American ships after the termination of our existing subsidy contract which will expire on the 31st of December, 1876. I think it safe to say that the sum of \$500,000 per annum now granted as subsidy the Japan and China line for a single month service on that route, would be additional to the postage on mail conveyed by the quiet sufficient if judiciously proportioned between the respective routes to maintain efficient mail service by the steamers sailing under our flag on all the important ocean routes which should be occupied by the lines of American steamers.

The evil of the straw bidding which annually involves hundreds of thousands of dollars can in my judgement be effectually removed by a change in the law as will authorize the Postmaster General on the failure of any bidder to present the least bid, to present to the next lowest bidder on the bid. If in his judgement the bid be not too high, and if this next lowest bidder declines to enter into a contract with a person not a bidder at any price not exceeding said next lowest bid, the Postmaster General of the railway postal service, to present the least bid, to present to the next lowest bidder on the bid. If in his judgement the bid be not too high, and if this next lowest bidder declines to enter into a contract with a person not a bidder at any price not exceeding said next lowest bid, the Postmaster General of the railway postal service, to present the least bid, to present to the next lowest bidder on the bid. 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